



Super Safari Preschool Teachers

Kristin Farnham

Giraffes Murphy



I am thrilled to be returning to Super Safari Preschool after a fun filled spring of 2016 teaching the Giraffe class! I earned my bachelors degree in psychology and my elementary teaching credential and enjoyed several years of teaching before taking time to raise my family with my husband, Doug, of almost 22 years. My 3 sons, Jack (17), Peter (15) and Max (10) are my pride and joy!

Some of my favorite things are camping with my family, playing board games and going to the beach with my dogs. Teaching preschool is magical because together we get to explore new friendships and ideas and discover the wonder of the world through play.

I've been working with children for the past four years and have enjoyed every moment of it. I began as a Program Specialist at the Children's Discovery Museum working mainly in craft and free play areas for children ages four and under. Over the past four years I wore many hats as a Discovery Actor, an Outreach Specialist, and a weekend party princess.

I have an A.A. in Social and Behavioral Sciences and am currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development. My favorite way to spend my free time is acting on the stage at the local community theaters. My passion for acting has unlocked a fun and silly side that helps me to relate and communicate with children. While I love the amazing feeling of sharing knowledge, my favorite part of working with young children is the raw unfiltered enthusiasm that I share with them.

Krista Warner

Giraffes Murphy & Lion Cubs



Vivian Kim

Lion Cubs & Tigers Serra



I have been working for the City of Sunnyvale since 1991. Having a passion for teaching children, I received my undergraduate degree in Mathematics and I am currently taking additional courses in Special Education. I have an active California child development permit. Born and raised in South Korea, I came to the US in 1986 – during which time, I married my husband, and started a new chapter of living in the Bay Area. We have three wonderful children together (who are all grown-up now).

In my free-time, I enjoy going on nature hikes – as the fresh air and animal watching are both relaxing and peaceful. I also like going back to visit my family in Korea any chance that I am able. I love teaching young children because I am able to observe their creativity and development (particularly through their arts crafts activities). At such a young age, they are able to discover and explore the learning process. I feel that it is important to approach this through various activities involving reading, music, and dance because it helps to foster a balanced learning curriculum.

I am a mother of five children. I speak three languages and hold a Bachelors degree in Journalism. I have with been with the City of Sunnyvale's Super Safari Preschool program for the last 10 years.

My favorite color is green and love the movie, The Sound of Music. I also enjoy listening to classical music and exploring the beauty of nature's wonder.

I love to meeting people from all over the world. Every time the class meets, will be a cultural event. The diversity of all the people who live here is best reflected in our schools. I believe children are the best channel to reach our communities and bring understanding and harmony.

Marie Bond

Tigers Serra



Krupa Shah

Giraffes & Cheetahs Las Palmas



I was born in India and moved to the California with my husband in 2000. We have two children and we all love to explore all the beautiful destinations of the Bay Area. In my spare time I enjoy many hobbies such as cooking, dancing, singing, shopping, playing piano. I also teach Indian Classical dance & Music as a volunteer in Temple.

I hold a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounts. I also earned Bachelor's degree in Classical Indian Dance. I completed interior designing course and my love for children led me to study Early Childhood Development from De Anza College. I have been in this field since 2010. This is my third year of teaching with City Of Sunnyvale.

I feel fortunate that my job is my passion, since working with children is what fulfills me. I believe that each child is unique, and I provide a secure, caring, nurturing and stimulating atmosphere so each child can grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially. I enjoy teaching children; it is the most rewarding job.

I have been teaching preschool for 6 years. I am married and have two children. I love to spend time with them and have fun. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Geography and hold an Early Childhood Education Certificate. My favorite colors are light yellow and ivory. My hobbies include listening to music and traveling to new places.

I love to work with preschool aged children because I want to offer them the opportunity to explore their surroundings and help develop life skills. I believe every child is unique and I love learning new things from them. Every day is different and brings new experiences. My favorite activity to do with the children is arts and crafts as well as circle time. I love when children talk about their thoughts and interests.

Susmita Bhattacharyya

Lion Cubs & Giraffes



Priya Krishnamurthy

Tigers Ortega & Cheetahs



I have a Bachelors of Engineering degree in Instrumentation Science and recently completed 26 units of Early Childhood Education courses at De Anza College. I have two kids; one is in middle school and the other is in elementary. I live in San Jose and we moved to the bay area about 6 years ago from Colorado, where I had spent about 8 years.

My love for working with children began when I started to volunteer with my kids' elementary school teachers for fun as well as to make good use of my time. As I did more and more volunteering, I felt I belonged to this career and I wanted to boost my skills professionally.

In my free time, I like to cook and go for long walks, which relieve me of stress and clear my mind. I have been working for the Super Safari Preschool program for about 8 months now, thoroughly enjoy my job and hope to continue working and contribute as much as I can.

I currently hold a Master's degree in Human Development with the specialization in Leadership in Education from Mission College in Santa Clara. I have been teaching for almost eight years. For two years, I worked at Stanford Children Center as an infant toddler teacher and also worked at Mission College's Child Development Center for more than a year.

I am happily married and blessed with two wonderful children, ages 19 and 16. My favorite hobbies include traveling, listening to music, reading and admiring life's beautiful art work. I am looking forward to meeting all my students. I believe in co-learning. We all have something to learn from each other, as well as to contribute to each others growth.

Vandana Dev

Tigers Ortega

